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**Reply Under 37 CFR 1.116 – Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit 1797**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:
Donald Spitzer) Examiner: P. Hruskoci
) Group Art Unit: 1797
Title: METHOD OF PREVENTING OR)
REDUCING ALUMINOSILICATE)
SCALE IN A BAYER PROCESS)
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Serial No.: 10/780,302) Confirmation No. 9759
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 16, 2008, and having a statutory period for response that is set to expire on July 16, 2008. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.